# FEW BOATS TO SAVE VICTIMS OF FLOODS

Lack of Small Craft Hindering the Rescue of Hundreds Marooned in the Mississippi Valley.

SEVERAL WHITES DROWNED

Officials Now Hoping the Levees at New Orleans and Vicinity Will Hold-Supplies for Refugees Sorely Needed.

New Orleans, May 7.-Clear weather and sunshine aided to-day the work of rescuing the hundreds of men, women and children marooned by the raging of the Mississippi in the "back of Louisiana. These have taken refuge on housetops, in trees and on rafts and have been for days without sufficient food and without shelter from the heavy rains which have fallen up to

Lack of boats is hindering the rescue Pointe Coupce parish, and it is feared many of the flood sufferers will before relief can reach them. passengers and supplies for even distance has been pressed into Hundreds of primitive flatboats that can be towed by motorboats are be-

#### Hundreds Still in Peril.

Refugees who were taken to Morganza in the relief boats to-day said there were hundreds more to be rescued. The majority of these lived so far back in the that couriers did not reach them, or, in many instances, if they were warned, they scoffed at the advice to

"The levees always have held," they "Why should they not hold

levee above Morganza is lined with residents and their few belongings

levee is about completed, and the engi-

Many New Roads citizens also left to assist in the work. This

Caravans of cattle are being driven toward Port Allen out of the flooded territory around Morganza. Railroads have been buying up cattle at ridiculous- phone and said he had gone to bed. ly low prices and securing free transportation to the markets.

Cattle thieves are active and many farmers have lost their stock owing to their inability to guard them. Some of the cattle have been drowned, while many discouraged owners have abandoned their stock, declaring it might as well be drowned as stolen from them on the way to the hills.

White people have appealed to the railroads not to carry away any more negro refugees, .s the promise of free food at the concentration camps attracts to man the levees.

Citizens of Opelousas are indignant over the increasing number of men, mostly negroes, who are flocking there from the overflowed country and asking for aid. A movement has been started them to choose between reto compel turning to their homes and assisting the citizens of those places who are engaged in a fight against the floods or quitting More than two hundred men, women

hight from the Atchafalaya country. the fight was allowed to go by default. Most of the men accepted offers of employment, and were sent to the northern part of the St. Landry parish to work on levces in the Bayou Boeuff Sec.

## Situation at New Orleans.

When the official river gauge at the head of Canal street registered 21.3 feet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, a rise of four-tenths since 7 a. m., United States weather officials were of the opinion that the greatest flood recorded in the Mississippi Valley, in which all stage and

duration records have been smashed. Clear weather and sunshine were reported to-day at all points from the Torras crevasse south to the mouth of the river, and the most encouraging reports since the present flood began have been received from all those points up and down the river, where the embank-

ments were thought to be weak. been abandoned here in the vicinity of field station, the lure of silken hosiery the American Sugar Refinery. The hot proved too strong for Mrs. Mary Meyers, sun to-day baked the repair work done neers are once more cheerful, many of pairs belonging to Mrs. Emily Hoffman, them believing the worst has passed. The levees have been inspected and prostrengthening the levees on the Algiers to find her door open and the silken side has about been completed and the hose missing. On the floor of the hall experts believe more than a 22-foot stage lay a large button hook.

can be held back. Baton Rouge, La., May 7.-Though rescuers working in the territory inundated by the waters from the Torras but she did not even know there had crevasse succeeded in removing two thousand persons to safety, the flood in this section took its first white human The victims were the wife and two daughters of a farmer, whose hastily improvised raft went to pieces

on Bayou Latnache. Fourteen negroes were drowned to-night, when a boat was overturned near Lettsworth Of the two thousand rescued by government workers, eight hundred were the button hook, the diways removed from Melville, over the Texas & turned them over, saying she always turned them over, saying she always Pacific Railroad, to Bunkie; four hundred were brought here; five hundred were taken to Port Hudson, and about three hundred to Batchelor.

## This Woman Decided That a Pilot's Life Was Not for Her

She went down "off the Hook" with those who bring the great liners up the channel and the bay to their anchorage, and her experience led her to write a clever article which will

Next Sunday's Tribune

## SCORES ONE ON JOHN D.

Farmer Defeats His Candidate by his attorneys on for School Trustee.

MRS. D. M. MILTON LOSER

#### Rockefeller People Stay Away from Village Meeting and Are Caught Napping.

feller recruits, but it was too late. The meeting was scheduled to close at 9 Bryant was declared the victor.

stock will be transported free, as it has and didn't even take the trouble to go to legal fees might have exceeded \$1,000,000 been discovered that speculators, taking the meeting, and when a reporter called each. advantage of the farmers' necessities, up his home his wife answered the tele-"We are glad to hear the news," she

said "but it was so stormy to-night Mr. Bryant decided to stay home and let his friends do the work."

Mrs. Milton was also absent. She is a member of the Civic League and a Ledyard & Milburn, attorneys for Cologreat friend of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, nel Astor, did not dwell dealt with the

The people up Pocantico way are plain sort, and while Mr. Rockefeller made between Colonel Astor and Miss generally carries everything his own way there was many a chuckle when it became known to-night that Bryant had "John D. swallowed hook, bait testator. and sinker," said one of Bryant's friends them and not enough laborers are left in speaking of the way Bryant's story was gulped down by the Rockefeller lieutenants who reported back to Mr. Bockefeller.

There is no doubt but what Mr. Rocke feller would have made a strong fight for Mrs. Milton. Two years ago John D. Rockefeller, jr., and his wife attended the meeting to help her, and they would have left no stone unturned if Bryant's story had not fooled everybody save his and children arrived in Opelousas last friends. As no opposition was expected, Oscar Bodelson and Edward Perry, the two other Rockefeller candidates, won

without a fight. In Tarrytown the Woman's Civic League also suffered defeat, when Surrogate Frank V. Millard beat their candidate, George E. V. Osborn, 574 to 94.

"We were beaten, but not disappointed," said Miss Sarah Williams Walker, president of the league, after the meetlap toward the predicted crest of 21.5 ing. "but what do you expect a handful feet, which would mark the passing of women to do against a powerful politiand we intend to keep up the fight to get politics out of the school board until

## LONGED FOR SILK HOSE

#### Woman Accused of Stealing 24 Pairs from Neighbor.

According to the police of the Wakeof No. 721 East 222d street, The Bronx, and so yesterday she took twenty-four

who lives on the floor below her. Mrs. Hoffman went out yesterday afternoon. When she returned it was

Mrs. Hoffman communicated with the police, and Detectives Clark and Conway were put to work. They spoke with the janitress of the apartment house, been a burgiary. Then the detectives went to the basement, and found two cardboard hosiery boxes in a heap of rubbish. The janitress said these had

come from Mrs. Meyers's rooms, The detectives went there, and Mrs. Meyers at first denied having the hose, but when confronted with the boxes and the button hook, the detectives said, she

wanted to wear silk stockings. She will be arraigned in the Morris ania court to-day.

## ASTOR'S ESTATE HANGS ON LIFE OF VINCENT

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY

Real Estate Not His for a Year -Mother and Sister "the Next of Kin."

LAWYERS FILE THE WILL

It Disposes of Property That Figured in Ante-Nuptial Settlement of First Marriage -Refers to Second.

which the instrument disposing of an

In the petition accompanying the will the value of the estate was set forth as 'more than \$10,000" real estate and "more than \$10,000" in personal property.

The first clause of the will and one which the copy given out by Carter, ir., who was one of her strongest back- disposition of certain real and personal property that figured in an ante-nuptial settlement which the will showed was Ava Lowle Willing, who became his first wife, and which now ends with the disposition made of that property by the

This agreement was made in 1891, year before Colonel Astor came into the residuary portion of the estate of his father, William Astor, by whose will, in 1892, he also subsequently received a large part of the estate of his grandfather, William B. Astor. Just what the purport of this agreement was is not generally known, and there is no record of it on file in the Register's Office. Tha testator gave to his son, Vincent Astor, the property in trust under the agreement with his first wife, who divorced

## First Ante-Nuptial Agreement.

He said in his will regarding this antenuptial agreement to which his father and mother were parties:

All of the estate and property, both real and personal, which, by that certain antenuptial settlement or deed of trust, bearing the date of the lith of February, in the year 1891, made by and between me as the party of the first part, Ava Lowle Willing, as party of the second part; William Astor and Caroline W. Astor, his wife as parties of the third part, and the United States Trust Company of New York as party of the fourth part, I am authorized and empowered to appoint and dispose of by law; I give, devise and bequeath in fee simple and absolutely unto my son. William Vincent Astor, if he shall survive me, or, if he shall die before me, to his issue who shall survive me, per stirpes and per capita, or if I shall leave neither my said son nor any issue of his surviving me, then to my daughter, Ava Alice Muriel Astor, or if she shall not survive me, per stirpes and not per capita, or should neither my said son nor my said daughter nor any issue of either of them survive me, per stirpes and not per capita. All of the estate and property, nd personal, which by the

Colonel Astor confirmed in his will the report at the time of his marriage with Miss Madeleine Force last September that he made an ante-nuptial settlement for her benefit, but referred to it only as a "certain provision for the benefit of my wife, Madeleine Talmadge Force As-

## Second Ante-Nuptial Agreement.

There were, however, certain indicaions that this settlement, commonly reported to have been anywhere from \$200,000 to \$5,000,000, was nearer the latter figure than the first. This impression seemed to be borne out first by he provision made by the testator for his wife. He gave her the income from \$5,000,-

shall remarry, if she does remarry," and the use of his Fifth avenue home under the same c.nditions. At her death or remarriage the trust fund and the house will re at to Vincent Astor, with the bulk of the estate already left to him under another clause. Then Colonel Aster gave to his wife \$200,000 a year ncome during such time as should

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THE REV. CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON, HIS FIANCEE AND HIS VICTIM. It is charged that the young preacher, while occupying a Baptist pulpit, was secretly a Mormon convert.



AVIS LINNELL.

BROOKLYN BOY DROWNED

W. E. A. Nindeman Loses Life

When Canoe Overturns.

dent, Lloyd Miller, of Detroit, were try-

ing to shoot the rapids was overturned.

cance, after being in the water many

MOTHER CLAIMS WAIFS

Recognized by Photos.

Nice, France, May 7 .- Mme. Navratil,

who declared that the two waifs saved

According to Mme. Navratil, her hus-

band took the children from her cousin.

to whom they had been confided pending

divorce proceedings. Later she learned

She described the children as Michel,

the Automobile.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

women" find little favor with her.

automobile, although her son owns one.

Room and Guests Flee.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Portland, Ind., May 7 .- To the sur-

parently peevish because its owner had

not come to feed it, the driving horse of

Edward M. Haynes walked out of the

nearby restaurant, where the noon meal

had just been placed on the table, pro-

ceeded to devour everything in sight.

Kryptok Toric Eyeglasses set in stylish mountings at Spencer's, 7 Maiden Lane.—

satisfied its hunger.

said to-day.

Miller, who clung to the overturned

# HOTEL BELMONT GUESTS

Waiters Pick Up Tools of Trade as Shrill Whistle Splits Air and Walk Out.

THE TIME THE DINNER HOUR

Men Say They Are Fined on Any Pretext, and Denounce "Pearlism," Meaning the Head Waiter's Methods.

whistle splu the smoke laden atmosphere. "What the ---?" said twenty men at

But it was only Edward Blochlinger, one of the waiters, blowing a black whistie lustily. At his signal several of the minutes, was rescued, exhausted. waiters gathered up the weapons of their Neither student could swim. profession, including the napkin, stub of pencil and callous palm, and walked

out of the bar. Blochlinger's whistle, which sounded at :15 o'clock, just as the dinner hour was Children Saved from Titanic on, was answered by other whistles in all the dining rooms of the hotel, and more waiters walked out, fifty of them the hotel people said later, but Blochlinger multiplied this number by three. He is from the Titanic, and who are being the financial secretary of the American cared for in New York, are her children. Hotel Workers' Union and says he has received the photographs of the children. She immediately recognized guesses he ought to know.

Later the waiters stood outside the them, and will sail on the Oceanic for Belmont in fatigue uniform, having left New York to claim her sons. their regimentals inside. They ran around in the rain from Park avenue to 42d street and then back again. Every now and then one of them would blow a whistle, and a small crowd would collect. Then somebody would say:

"Gee, it's wet. I gotter get a drink." And in the warmth of a bar one of the and Edmond, called "Momo," two years strikers would reach in his pocket and old. pull out a printed card that read as fol-

Walters of the Hotel Belmont ON STRIKE

against unfair treatment and Pearlism Comrades and fellow workers of the Hotel Industry do your duty and keep away from the Belmon..

These cards were very much in evidence, and all the busy New Yorkers that stopped to find out what was the matter wanted to learn what "Pearlism" meant.

The waiters explained.

One Victor Pearl is the head waiter at the Belmont, and he is a villain of the deepest dye, according to Blochlinger and J. Elster, business representative of the American Hotel Workers' Union, No. 77 West 44th street, two flights up, rear. The waiters say that Pearl is absolutely unreasonable in his system of

"If you put a plate in the wrong place he fines you," said one of the strikers. "If you speak to another man in the dining room he fines you. He fines you for everythirg. The other day he asked how many men had taken part in the Hungry Animal Enters Dining Socialists' parade, and when two men said they had he fired them."

The strikers say they went to Pearl on Saturday, but that he refused to talk. They add that they then went to E. C. Fogg, acting manager of the hotel, and he treated them well and promised to look into the matter; but Pearlism was too much for them, and so last night the whistles sounded in the ears of the 250 garcons, kellners and ordinary waiters in the big house. Pearl had to 000 during her lifetime, or "until she hustle after that, but he finally obtained squads of waiters from the Knickerbocker, the Waldorf, the Ritz, the Murray Hill and Louis Martin's, and filled in the gaps in the serried ranks.

Despit; the pleadings of reporters he steadfastly refused to give an interview last night. Mr. Fogg, however, spoke.

"The strike was far too abrupt. I did not have time to investigate matters. The men were unreasonable in leaving so precipitately."

# HIGHER THAN EXPECTED

Awards Made at Average That Means Income Basis of 4.21 Per Cent.

Any of the \$65,000,000 Issue, Which Was Oversubscribed Nearly Four Times.

est bid received was 102, for a small amount, and the lowest bid which obtained any bonds was 100.579.

As was the case last year, J. P. Morgan & Co. failed to get any of the bonds. As part of a syndicate, of which the First National Bank and the National made two bids, as follows: 100.4907 for "all or none" and 100.01 for "all or any

amount of corporate stock ever disposed of by the city at any one time. The last sale, more than a year ago, was of \$60,-000,000, which netted an average price of 100.904. This year, however, conditions were somewhat different.

"I am well pleased with the outcome of the sale," said the Controller last night. The present condition of the market both here and abroad is such that we did not expect to get much more than that her husband had gone to England. 100.625. Considering this fact and also of evangelical churches which baptize that this is a Presidential year, when the by immersion." called "Lolo" for short, four years old, money market is somewhat uncertain, I believe that the sale was most satisfactory."

There was a total of 366 bidders, who SHE'S 100; NEVER DANCED bid for a total of \$263,810,370, which Doesn't Want to Vote and Scorns nearly four times over.

There will be about 270 successful bidso close together that the accountants Wenham, Mass., May 7 .- Mrs. Mary F. in the Finance Department wanted to go Hodgdon, of this town, observed her one over the figures again; but awards of hundredth birthday to-day at the home \$50,000,000 were made public last night. of Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton, at West Wen-The following is a list of successful bidham. She is in possession of all her ders:

faculties to a remarkable degree and Kuhn, Loeb & Co..... Harvey Fiske & Sons and H. B. Leach talked with many visitors. 'Votes for & Co. Guaranty Trust Company. Crossman & Sielcken.... & Co
Guaranty Trust Company
Crossman & Sielcken
American Exchange National Bank
German-American Insurance Company
Zimmerman & Forshay
Mutual Alilance Trust Company
Kings County Trust Company
Kings County Trust Company
C. J. Turner & Son
Seligman Brothers, London
Public Bank of New York
White, Weld & Co.
Smith, Heck & Co.
P. J. Goodhart & Co.
Dry Dock Savings Institution
N. W. Halsey & Co.
R. H. Hood
Alfred Mestre & Co.
Dominick & Dominick
Clark, Dodge & Co.
L. Von Hoffman & Co.
Sutro Bros. & Co.
Fugnen Meyer & Co. "I think that the women have enough about their homes to look after without bothering about voting," Mrs. Hodgdon In all her long life Mrs. Hodgdon never atterded a dance. She classes dances as frivolous, and believes that young people can put their spare time to better advantage. She has never ridden in an "The old way is the best, and I would rather ride behind the old horse I had L. Von Hoffman & Co.
Sutro Bros. & Co.
Eugene Meyer & Co.
F. S. Smithers.
Brown Bros. & Co.
Blake Bros. & Co.
Fisk & Robinson. than all the automobiles there are," she HORSE EATS IN RESTAURANT The Guaranty Trust Company bid in

all for \$12,600,000 at prices ranging from 101 to 101.113. Harvey Fisk & Sons and A. B. Leech & Co. bid for \$12,000,000 Of the \$65,000,000 corporate stock \$20,000,000 prise of more than fifty guests, and ap-

is to be used for the construction of rapid transit railroads, \$20,000,000 for providing a water supply and \$25,000,000 for various barn, and visiting the dining room of a other municipal purposes. NAMES "COMMITTEE ON GOATS."

#### [By Telegraph to The Tribune.] New Brunswick, N. J., May 7.-The Com-

What attracted the palate of the aninon Council has named Aldermen Joseph mal most was a large dish of lettuce in Feaster, George Collin and Clifton Mott as the centre of the table, and the horse "goat committee," to capture eleven was busily engaged in eating this when goats that are destroying shrubbery in the with difficulty he was induced to leave. residential section of the city along Liv-ingston avenue. The police have been un-The guests, who departed in fear, returned to their places and the horse was able to find the owner. led back to his stall, where the owner

ITALIANS BLOCKADE MITYLENE. Salonica, Turkey, May 7.-Five Italian warships have established a blockade of Mitylene.

# RICHESON A MORMON SAYS BOSTON WOMAN

Former Worker in the Church Swears Murderer Was Secretly Active in Faith, Though Filling Baptist Pulpit.

#### AN ELDER EVEN, SHE AVERS

Makes Affidavit Declaring Slayer of Miss Avis Linnell Was Converted While in College by One of the Girls He Had Promised to Wed.

Boston, May 7.-Clarence V. T. Richson, under sentence of death for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, has been a Mormon elder and secretly connected with the Mormon organization several years, although preaching from a Baptist pulpit, according to a sworn state ment just ...ade before William A Thibodeau, an attorney and justice of Mrs. Louie E. Brittain, swears she was formerly connected with the Mormon Church and was a celestial wife of a

and about Boston, and has given to him the Mormon signs, which were always answered, she declares

She says she attended a Mormon conear ago, at which Richeson was present, and that she received commands from A short time ago Mrs. Brittain became converted from Mormonism, she continues, although for eight years pre-

vious she had been aiding in the propa-270 SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ganda of the Mormon Church in Boston and New England. According to Mr. Thibodeau, of the J. P. Morgan & Co. Fail to Get firm of Thibodeau & Ellsworth, who gave

out the affidavit to-night Mrs Brittain church, and she was prevailed upon to make the facts known before the time set for the execution of Richeson, as it was felt that the information, if withheld until after his death, would seem

presence of Duncan A. McPhee, secretary of the Evangelical Alliance, Mrs. Brittain said to-night that to the best f her belief Richeson was converted to Mormonism while still a student at William Jewell College, in Liberty, Mo., from which he was expelled in 1889. At that time Richeson became attached to a City Bank were the other members, they young woman who now makes her home in Salt Lake City. To this young woman is due Richeson's trend toward Mormon-

ism, Mrs. Brittain believes. The affidavit made by Mrs. Brittain described some of the meetings at which she said she had seen Richeson, and con-

"I have always considered Elder Clarence V. T. Richeson a member of the Mormon organization in good and perfect standing, and do to the present day, and believe that he is considered so by the Mormon organization. "While it is not common, it is not un-

usual to find the more educated of the Mormon elders preaching in the pulpits

Though it has not been generally understood that Richeson was interested in Mormonism, it is known that one of the several young women who have figured in means that the issue was subscribed for his unpleasantly romantic career is a resident of Salt Lake City. She is Miss Patsey Felts, to whom he became enders. Some of them toward the end are gaged in 1903 while he was a student in William Jewell College, at Liberty, Mo. Miss Felts was at that time teaching there. She loaned \$70 to him with which to pursue his studies. This money has never been repaid. Miss Felts is now suffering from tuber-

ulosis at the home of her sister in Salt \$11,500,000 Lake City. According to the detectives who worked on the murder case, the minister's engagement to Miss Felts was never broken. On the very day after Miss Avis Linnell, one of his former flancees, net her death at his hands Richeson, then staying at the home of Miss Violet Edmands, to whom he was engaged, wrote letter to Miss Felts, who still claimed his troth.

In that letter he said that he would soon be on his way West, where he would seek a church in which he "might preach to thousands instead of to hundreds.' This may have referred to a possible Mormon congregation.

Richeson may have been interested in the Mormon propaganda in this city. It is known that leaders of that faith are actively at work here. Last fall a delegation of them secured an option on land near Jamaica, Long Island, with a view to

## Ejected from Girl's Home.

While at William Jewell College Richeson created a sensation one night by going to the home of a young woman who was said to have jilted him and refusing to leave till 2 o'clock in the morning. At the time he apparently had a fit, and was finally removed by fellow students who were called in by the family. The affair was hushed up at the time. He was expelled from college in his senior year, however, for cheating in examinations. Another sensational incident of his career

forced his resignation from Bethany Bap-tist Church, of Kansas City, in 1994. Three forced his resignation from Bethany young women entered the church one morning and sat in the same pew. At the close of his sermon the trio approached him as he left the pulpit and each in turn de-clared that he had promised to marry her. Although he declared there had been a mistake the trustees demanded his r

His romance with Miss Linnell began in